

accepted the responsibility. Dr. Powell also noted that tickets will be donated by Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Shiffler.

On the matter of membership in the Carbondale Area Chamber of Commerce, it was decided that an attempt should be made to trade memberships with that group. The Chamber has recently sent a letter requesting that the Carbondale Historical Society join that organization in its many important projects, and Dr. Powell has received several telephone calls from directors of the Chamber, which are assumed to be related to membership drive plans. It was decided that Mr. Jomaine should contact the Chamber on the proposed trading of memberships, since he is a director of the Chamber.

Mr. Loftus then reported that he had spoken with Mr. Larry Malaki, who is the Lachawanna County official in charge of railroad matters. Mr. Loftus stated that he had requested that Mr. Malaki come to Carbondale, and conduct a railroad tour meeting, explaining the significance of saving the RR trackage through the valley. He noted that Mr. Malaki has indicated that he would be interested in doing so.

Mr. Loftus, who is also in charge of the Society's membership drive, requested several items in the way of supplies, to wit, undated brochures describing the various functions of the Society; membership posters with padded applications attached, to be placed in the various local businesses; and articles for the newspaper on the Society and its membership drive.

Mr. Jomaine opined that perhaps Highlights for Children magazine would be interested in helping with the brochures and posters, since in his capacity as a member of the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce railroad committee, he had dealt with Highlights, and contributed copy to the brochures which the magazine had typeset and laid out. He also felt that his relationship with Kent Brown, the publisher, and the fact that he had been on the staff of Highlights at one time, would be beneficial in arranging for a donation. Dr. Powell expressed concern that the Society retain full control over the actual appearance of the materials, and Mr. Jomaine replied that he was entirely confident in Highlights and its staff's abilities. It was decided that Mr. Jomaine will ask the magazine's help in the project.

A related matter, the October issue of the newsletter of the Society, was then brought up. This is the third issue of the newsletter, and Mr. Jomaine will begin work on it in the near future, since by the organizational plan of the Society, newsletter production is the responsibility of the Secretary.

Mr. Hepburn then stated that it seems likely that the Carbondale Area School District is willing to turn over the former George Washington School to the Society, should the Society so desire. Dr. Powell expressed the opinion that the school board is attempting to rid itself of a white elephant, and it may be beyond the resources of the Society to attempt to acquire the structure. It was decided that the Society will request an inspection tour of the school before taking any action on the matter.

A special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Carbondale Historical Society and Museum, Inc. was held at 8:30 pm, 26 September, 1984 in Room 301, Carbondale City Hall. Present were S. Robert Powell, PhD, President of the Society, John V. Bubenshik, First Vice-President, Hank Loftus, Second Vice-President, and Robert J. Jomaine, Secretary.

On the subject of membership, Mr. Loftus noted that Katherine Cuff, who heard the recent broadcast on WESL's 5500 Line that dealt with the Society and its projects, wishes not only to join the organization, but to help in the membership drive. Mr. Loftus reported that she has offered to make telephone calls to the members who are due for renewal as well as potential members who would be joining for the first time. She has also offered to handle the typing for the membership drive. It was decided that her offer should be accepted.

It was then suggested by Mr. Loftus that all of the necessary printing for the membership drive be arranged at once. This will include posters, applications, and newsletters. It was determined that the most efficient approach would be to have the membership poster on one side of an eleven by seventeen sheet, and the newsletter on the reverse.

The poster side will feature a likeness of Mrs. Hildegaard Lacey, along with a supporting statement by her on the benefits of joining the Society. The content of the newsletter, which shall be dated October, 1984, Volume 1, Number 3, will include a list of recent acquisitions, a description of various approaches to donating to the Society, with examples such as the recent donations from of surplus funds from two class reunion committees, an explanation of the meaning of the Society's recently acquired Internal Revenue Service 501(c)3 status, and a request that members consider making a bequest to the Society. It was agreed that 200 newsletters/posters should be printed, with 100 going out to present members, and another 100 being sent to potential members.

Mr. Loftus reported that he had been in contact with Postal officials, who explained that the Society probably would qualify for a non-profit bulk mailing rate. This would require a \$40.00 application fee, and a permit fee of \$40.00 per year. The rate that the Society would then be entitled to would be \$.052 per piece. It was determined that while the use of such a permit for this year would not be economical, the Society should investigate the matter, and acquire the permit for use in 1985.

It was then resolved that the Society go on record as supporting the 1985 Carbondale Capital Budget as proposed by City Manager Robert Davis.

Dr. Powell also requested that the minutes be amended to show that the Society has gone on record as resolving to apply to the Scanlon Area Foundation for a grant to be used in the establishment of its proposed museum. This resolution had not been recorded in the minutes of the meeting during which it had been passed.

Dr. Powell also noted that his meeting of 21 September with George Joel, of the Scanlon Foundation, had been postponed at Mr. Joel's request.

Mr. Loftus then noted that he had spoken with Bill Risse, of the Lachawanna County Department of Community Affairs, who told him of the County officials' desire to have representation from the upper valley on the Cultural Affairs Commission. Mr. Jomaine will contact Mr. Risse, and inform him that, along with Mr. Loftus and Dr. Powell, he is interested in serving on the Commission.

Mr. Loftus then placed the name of John Keiver in nomination for a seat on the Board of Directors of the Society. Mr. Jomaine seconded, and all were in favor. For the record, it is noted that:

- new pull shades for Room 301 have been donated by Mr. Bubenshik
- several items from the former Moss estate have been acquired, namely a reading table, two binders, and three brass curtain rods.

Elwood Thatcher has donated a copy of "Raymond Avery 1898-1980" to the Society. This is a book on the progenitors and descendants of Raymond Avery, compiled by Mr. Thatcher. The Society is specifically mentioned on pages 214 through 224.

- Dr. Powell received three reports from Mr. John Klimkiewicz, on stationary participation in Pioneer Days for 1984, and the Job Training Partnership Act, which with an Egyptian quality about it, concerning the flowerboxes, the Society's provided summer employees to the Society. (Mr. Klimkiewicz had, as acting First Vice-President, served as chairman of these projects.)

- Mr. Jomaine will, as previously stated, pay \$40.00 toward the purchase for the glass used for hanging the Hendrick photos.

- the project for reinstallation of lights in Memorial Park, under the direction of Mrs. Jean Colville, is progressing with the aid of Dr. Powell.

- the Bethany Women's Club wishes to see the Society's film on the RR canal on 7 November.

- the Society must take out a service contract on the City Hall clock, since the city will not do so.

- Mr. and Mrs. John Bowman have agreed to donate the former fountain from Memorial Park to the Society for reinstallation.

- negotiations are underway to acquire the former sundial that was near the RRH office on North Main Street. Mr. Jomaine is making the arrangements.

- Dr. Powell will lend a black and white negative of the repair work on City Hall to Mr. Jomaine, so that prints may be made for the archives.

- Merwin Hollis has expressed an interest in seeing his building on Salem Avenue and has asked the Society's assistance.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:51.

Robert J. Jomaine, Secretary

Mr. Loftus reported that 3 November has been selected as the date for the benefit show that the Allyn Benson Revue will perform for the Society at Marion Hall, Saint Joseph's Hospital. Dr. Powell pointed out the fact that a concerted effort to sell tickets must be made, to ensure the success of the event.

Mr. Jomaine then reported that he had received a letter from Josephine Juntinen, of the Susquehanna Historical Society, thanking him for the copy of the Society's bylaws that he had sent to her to assist the Susquehanna group in becoming organized. He explained that he and Mr. Loftus had attended the first organizational and planning meeting that the group had had, in the Starucca House, at which time he had offered the Society's help in any way possible. Mr. Jomaine noted that he would remain in contact with Mrs. Juntinen.

For the record, it is noted that David Baum has sent in his ticket returns from the Society's 50-50 raffle, with an apology for the delay.

With all business concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35.

Robert J. Jomaine, Secretary